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GROUP ART UNIT 2821
AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Howard, William G.

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Title: CURRENT COLLECTOR FOR LITHIUM ELECTRODE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the final Office Action mailed July 31, 2001, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on October 31, 2001. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

The Applicant requests entry of this Rule 116 Amendment because it is believed that the amendment places this application into condition for allowance, the amendment should not entail any further search by the Examiner since no new features are being added or new issues being raised, and the amendments do not significantly alter the scope of the claims and place the application into a better form for purposes of appeal. No new features or new issues are being raised. The amendments were not earlier presented because the Applicant believed in good faith that the cited prior art did not disclose the present invention as previously claimed.

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